

**Board Meeting**  
**July 17, 2014**  
**9:04 a.m.**

**Call to Order**      Don Berry

**Approval for moving board meeting from the end to beginning of meeting.**

Motion to approve: John Sorensen  
Second: Sylvia Allen  
Discussion: None

Approved: All                      Abstain: None                      Oppose: None

**ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS**

Present:      Sylvia Allen, Lisa Aragon, Peggy Belknap, Don Berry, Charlene Chacon, Becki Christensen, Roxanne Dean, Ben File, Elizabeth Flake, Alphonso James, Michael Johnson, Gary Moore, Steve North, John Sorensen, Larry Stradling, Susan Tegmeyer, Carla Fails, Tamie Chamberlain, Andrea Harings, Holly Nelson, Jennifer Smale, MaryAnn Lawrence, Glenn Joy, James Menlove, John Spadaccini, Penny Brimhall, Robert Pico, Buck Biddle.

LWIB Members Not Present: Jesse Fernandez, Karen Houston, Connie Kakavas, Ben Smith, Karen Thorne

**CONSENT AGENDA - Don Berry**

- Approval of May 1, 2014 Minutes
- Approval of Revised By-Laws
- Approval of New Youth Council Members – Penny Brimhall, Buck Biddle

Motion to approve consent agenda:

**Discussion:** Peggy Belknap would like Revised Bylaws removed and voted on separately.

Motion to approve consent agenda of May 1, 2014 minutes and new Youth Council members: Peggy Belknap  
Second: John Sorensen

Approved: All                      Abstain: None                      Oppose: None

Motion to approve the revised bylaws: Peggy Belknap  
Second – Lisa Aragon

**Discussion:** Susan Tegmeyer presented to the LWIB members the difference between the previous and current draft of the Bylaws. With new legislation we will have to address the Bylaws again in the near future. LWIB to discuss changes and updates later today in training. WAC required some specific wording in all new bylaws effective July 1, 2015.

Motion to approve the revised bylaws: Peggy Belknap  
Second – Lisa Aragon

Approved: All

Abstain: None

Oppose: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Lisa and Susan reported on Youth Council meeting/members. Lots of progress made, will be meeting every 45 days-2 months.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Executive Board, staff, and State members gave Gila County a tour of our program. Gila is splitting with Pinal, they are visiting other areas. They are interested in joining our program. The presentation went very well. How does the LWIB feel about a merger? Navajo County is interested in the merger. Will the LWIB give permission to move forward to investigate how we might work with Gila County? Meeting on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> with Gila to visit about money and other issues of merger.

Susan Tegmeyer gave pros and cons of merger.

John Sorensen- Approach as enlarging our workforce, not three counties.

Elizabeth Flake – They have a good industry base, opens up opportunities for us.

Don Berry – More of a plus than minus to merger, looks like a good fit, equality for each area.

Alfonso James – What area does Gila cover - Strawberry, Globe, Payson. There is an Affiliate office in Payson. Does not include reservation.

Sylvia Allen – Go forward and get more info and serious conversations about merger before a vote.

Don Berry- If we work out issues the states describes, then we could vote at upcoming meeting. Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Gila wants to make a decision.

Peggy Belknap – It was a very informational meeting with Gila, we do need more information though. Presentation to Navajo County BOS will be done today. Good if we try to go after more money to serve a larger area, this gives us a good position for grants, job opportunities open up as well.

Lynn Johnson- How long has Gila been in WIA? MaryAnn Lawrence stated they had been with WIA at least 25 years.

Elizabeth Flake - Pinal coverage area - Casa Grande, Florence, Apache Junction.

Don Berry - Navajo County BOS works closely with Gila county on lots of issues.

Susan Tegmeyer - We agree to move forward with discussion with Gila County. We will call a special LWIB meeting if necessary to move forward if needed before our October LWIB. No objections from Board.

Motion to adjourn; Peggy Belknap

Second: John Sorensen.

Approved: All

Abstain: None

Oppose: None

Adjourn - 9:35 a.m.